



ARCHBISHOP RUNCIE CHURCH of ENGLAND

(VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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Nursery Newsletter 6

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another unusual half term! I hope you are all managing to stay fit and well and enjoying time together as a family. It has been lovely to see photos of you all enjoying the glorious weather we have had. This half term some children will return to Nursery and others will stay learning at home. As always, we endeavour to support you as much as possible, whatever your decision. Home learning will continue to be added to the class page of the school website and support will still be available via emails and phone calls.

This half term our topic is 'Journeys'. We will focus on transport, physical journeys and the children's journey from Nursery to Reception. I have created our usual topic web full of the exciting learning which will be taking place at Nursery. This may inspire and support you in your learning journey at home with your child and inform parents of attending children of the attended learning taking place. Please use the topic web and the new home learning pack (available via the website in class news) to support your child as you see best.

After this pro-longed absence from school it is important that we take care of children's well-being and mental health and this will continue to be our main priority. We will use the online book, Everybody Worries, to allow children explore any of the worries they have at the moment. The book is accessible for free online at <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/interactives/29765.html>.

In Nursery we would have been using the texts, 'The Train Ride' and 'Penguin on Holiday'. You can listen to the stories using the following links;

The Train Ride – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ao_z_GBqiQ

Penguin on Holiday - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ws4Qnj8xVrQ>

In phonics we will continue looking at blending and segmenting words using the sounds s, a, t, p, i, n. I will add activities for blending and segmenting to the home learning pack. Please use only pure sounds. This is a video of blending using the first 6 sounds.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQpw77l-l6M&list=PLDFqXo8hEdBH7WarYB9Xw7xQK-LUC8r3h>

Physical activity is a great way to improve mental health and wellbeing. There is a range of online activities which you could use to exercise with your child. The website www.gonoodle.com offers a range of fun physical movement videos (Nursery particularly love 'Dinosaur Stomp'). If you would like something calmer, Cosmic Kids Yoga offers a range of simple yoga videos for children, linked to stories. Again, these are available at <https://www.cosmickids.com/> or on YouTube.

We aim for the children to be as independent as possible before they move into Reception. To help support your child further at home, you could encourage your child to use both a knife and fork at mealtimes,

practise writing their name, practise independently putting on their coat and fastening it and independently getting themselves dressed in the morning.

All of the weblinks will also be accessible via the home learning pack on the website under class news, Nursery, where I have also added more activities for you to try at home.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please do contact me by email, my address is:
kathleen.francis@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk.

I look forward to seeing the exciting things you do. If you can, please upload photos of your activities to Tapestry, twitter or email me directly. I do love to see all the exciting things the children have been up to.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Francis